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Welcome to
**Broadoak
Academy**



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Welcome!

Welcome from Principal
Mr Ian Walsh

Moving to secondary school is an exciting milestone, and it is a real pleasure to welcome you to the Broadoak Academy community.

At Broadoak, we believe deeply in the potential of every child and work hard to ensure that every student feels known, supported and confident as they begin this new chapter. Our dedicated staff team, strong House system and wide range of learning opportunities help every child to settle quickly, make friends and feel proud to belong. With high expectations, care and a wealth of memorable experiences ahead, we look forward to supporting you every step of the way as your Broadoak journey begins.

Ian Walsh,
Principal

Welcome from Special Educational Needs Coordinator, **Bella Charman**

I am the SENCO at Broadoak Academy and I am delighted that you have chosen our Academy. Our school is a welcoming and inclusive community, where everyone feels happy, safe and valued. We aspire to be the best that we can be and believe that learning should be fun, purposeful and challenging. We promote a creative, stimulating curriculum that focuses on skills for lifelong learning and your child will be supported fully along the way.



If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me:
bella.charman@clf.uk

Dyslexia Friendly Classrooms

All classrooms at Broadoak Academy are Dyslexia Friendly, We have recently gained the Bronze award for this and are working towards the silver award. This means that all teachers adhere to a Dyslexia Friendly Classroom Pledge which includes all classroom handouts and presentations in a readable font size 14, single colour backgrounds, clear headings and specific layouts which are suitable for users with Dyslexia.



Welcome from the Chief Executive of the Cabot Learning Federation, Sir Steve Taylor



As well as welcoming you to Broadoak Academy, I'd like to welcome your family to our family of schools in Weston-super-Mare.

Broadoak is one of a number of sibling schools, both primary and secondary, in the Cabot Learning Federation, working together in the town across the age ranges to secure the best possible experience for all of the children in our care. While there will always be something special about the particular atmosphere and experience at Broadoak, it's always good to know you are part of a broader team, supporting and sharing the same high expectations and aspirations for each other. All the best for your new start in September!

Sir Steve Taylor,
Chief Executive Officer,
Cabot Learning Federation

CLF CORE PURPOSE



Maintain **High expectations** in all we do, ambitious for ourselves, our communities, and our environment.



Create **Equity** of opportunity, promoting inclusion, removing disadvantage and rejecting discrimination.



Champion the success and life chances of **All children**.



Furnish pupils and staff with the **Resilience** to succeed as lifelong learners.



Harness our **Togetherness** to achieve more, collaborating proactively in seamless unity.

Welcome from Chair of the Academy Council, Becky Frise

I am delighted to welcome your family to Broadoak Academy. I am confident that in Broadoak you will find not only a first class education on offer but also a wealth of opportunities outside of the day to day classroom experience. As Chair of Broadoak's Academy Council I have had the privilege of observing many aspects of the school's life and have seen how, under the care and guidance of our hard-working staff, our students can grow as individuals and become successful members of the Broadoak and wider community. May I wish your child every success at Broadoak and extend an invitation to contact me should you wish to know more about the role of the Academy Council.



Welcome from a Year 7 student

"I knew before joining that Broadoak was a good school as my sisters had come here, but I still felt nervous when I first started. However, when I met the staff, I felt really welcome and part of the Broadoak community. I now feel less nervous as I know what I'm doing, and I have joined the girls' Gym Club and Netball where I have made friends."

Welcome from a parent

"My son was very anxious about moving to secondary school, but the team at Broadoak took the time to listen to our concerns and offer thoughtful, practical support. Their care made the transition far less daunting, and my son started the year excited and confident. A year on, I know we made the right choice — Broadoak truly goes above and beyond for every student."



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Our Values

At Broadoak Academy, our values guide everything we do, inspiring high expectations, pride in our Houses, and a community where everyone belongs and thrives. These values are Time, Courage and Choice.



Time

We value time because it doesn't stand still. It gives us space to think, make sensible decisions and recover from difficult moments. We show our respect for time by being punctual, planning our learning and using every day as a chance to grow. Time helps us become better people—supporting others, taking part in our community and making a positive difference.



Courage

Showing courage means not giving up when things get difficult. It means standing up against unkindness, bullying or discrimination, even when it feels easier to stay silent. At Broadoak, we encourage bravery in all forms—trying again after setbacks, speaking out when something isn't right and supporting others to be strong too.



Choice

We all have the power to make choices, but we don't always control the consequences. That's why we help our students make the right choices—in their learning, in their behaviour and in how they treat themselves and others. Good choices lead to better outcomes in lessons, in school and in life beyond Broadoak.

House System



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At Broadoak Academy, every student is part of a House made up of Years 7–11, helping students connect across year groups. Each House is supported by a dedicated staff team, including your Tutor, Assistant Head of House and Head of House, who provide academic and pastoral support.



Together everyone achieves more. We have a feeling of unity; every player must put the team first, ahead of personal glory.



Mrs Jennifer Laity



Chestnut Cheetahs believe in unity; alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.



Zara Hursay



Work ethic, inclusivity, attendance and wellbeing; the Sharks believe that what you plant now, you will harvest tomorrow.



Mr Jack Thorp-Greenwood



Whitebeam Wolves work in a pack; together we are a community and can achieve anything we set out to do.



Ms Rose Hooke

A Message from the Year 11 House Captains:



At Broadoak, we are very proud of our House system. Each house is like a family to which you will belong. In our houses, we work together as a team to compete against the other houses in our House Championship. We love a bit of healthy competition as this encourages us to go above and beyond by making the right choices and having the courage to face and overcome challenges. Our favourite thing about the Houses is that they bring everyone together to create a supportive community. We believe the supportive network allows every student to thrive and excel in their own way!

We are so excited to introduce you to Broadoak Academy!



Curriculum

Key Stage 3 marks an exciting new phase at Broadoak, where students build on their primary education and prepare for Key Stage 4. Our Year 7 curriculum focuses on mastering subject fundamentals while offering a broad and balanced range of subjects. Guided by our values of Time, Courage and Choice, teaching is designed to challenge and support all students to exceed their potential. The timetable consists of six 50-minute lessons per day, with the following subjects studied each week:



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Maths

English

Science and Computer Science

Modern Foreign Languages
(French or Spanish)

Humanities (Geography, History, Ethics and Religious Education)

Technology (Catering & Hospitality, D.T and Textiles)

The Arts (Art, Music, Drama)

Physical Education

PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship and Economic Education)

Extra-curricular Enrichment

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

We encourage all Year 7 students to take part in at least one extra-curricular activity. Each Summer, Enrichment Week offers a range of exciting activities and trips such as Disneyland Paris, Liddington Multi-Activity Centre, Woodhouse Park, Thorpe Park, Laser Quest, Go Ape and West Midlands Safari Park. There are also in school activities such as Sports, Arts & Crafts, Mindfulness, Cookery/Bakery and Dance. There really is something for everyone!



So what happens next?

Once you accept your child's offer at Broadoak, the transition work begins. Here is a summary of what this includes.

From March onwards, we are happy to answer any questions and welcome further visits or meetings on request, please email transition@broadoakacademy.clf.uk.

During April, May and June, we will be gaining as much information as we can from your primary school to gather academic, pastoral and personal information to support a smooth transition. Our SEND team works closely with primary schools to ensure the needs of students with additional or special educational needs are fully understood. Selected students will also take part in pre-transition visits, supported by primary staff and their prospective Key Worker at Broadoak.

We are really looking forward to meeting you!

The Big Step Transition Week 30th June - 2nd July 2026

Your child will be spending 3 days with us Tuesday 30th June to Thursday 2nd July 2026. They will be following our timetable, experiencing a typical school day at Broadoak, meeting with their tutors and some of their new teachers, making new friends and gaining confidence throughout.

Parents & Carers Information Evening Thursday 2nd July 4:00-5:30pm

You are warmly invited to join us and celebrate what the students have been doing during transition week. You will be able to see some of their new learning and we will be presenting a video of the three days experience at Broadoak Academy. During the evening you will also be able to meet your child's new Tutor and House Team.





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